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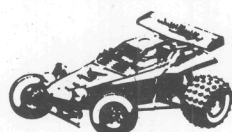
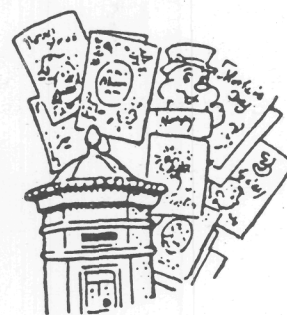
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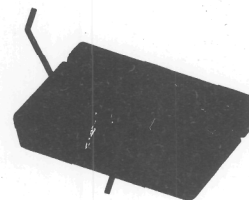
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EDITORIAL



My thanks again to Norman and Angela Stone and The Team for keeping the DN rolling so efficiently while I was in Australia. It's good to be back among the familiar places (and faces), though it was a great trip and fascinating to learn about local problems the other side of the world: in a nutshell, the opposite of ours - too much sun and not enough water!

Seems I missed quite a lot of happenings here. Some of the more contentious ones are being resolved in due democratic fashion (p.2). And there's more about Windmill Centre fees on p.14. The Deddington Players I hear advanced their season with some One-Act plays in October. They are making their usual lively contribution to the December and January calendar (pp 10 & 14). And the parish is surely thankful that our traditional Christmas Eve carol singing on the Market Place has been rescued (following the departure of its most recent leader Alan Gibbs) by Joan Todd to whom many thanks. (p.3).

If you've run out of Christmas present ideas, there are a couple of Deddingtonian suggestions on p.10. Looking beyond that the Stop Press on p.16 suggests what to do with your Christmas tree when the festivities are all over.

While on the subject of trees and pursuing one of my hobby horses, I shall follow with enormous interest developments regarding the proposed community woodland (p.11). I really hope the PC - and many of us - will be able to help.

Those who have expressed interest in what makes the DN "tick" will find some of the answers on p.3. Which just leaves: **HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVERYBODY !!**

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels

DECEMBER DIARY.

For details of Christmas church services see page 5-6.

Friday mornings, 10 - 12, Coffee morning in the Parish Church in aid of Katharine House.

Sat 2 Leamington and Warwick Magic Circle evening of magic, Windmill Centre, 7pm.

Sat 2 Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, Holly Tree Club.

Sat 2 Parish Church Christmas Bazaar, Deddington School, 2pm.

Sun 3 Youth Club, Bowling evening, USAF Croughton.

Tu 5 Brownies Parents Evening, Windmill Centre, 5.30pm.

Wed 6 U3A: Rev K Reeves, A Visit to Jordan and Petra, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.

Th 7 Banbury Arts Society, Social Evening, Marlborough Rd Church Hall, 7.30pm.

Fr 8 Santa visits Deddington, Clifton, Barford and Hempton. (p 4)

Sat 9 Santa visits Deddington, Clifton, Barford and Hempton. (p 4)

Sat 9 Deddington Players : Christmas Is Coming, Parish Church, 7pm. (p 10)

Tu 12 WI: Christmas Party, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.

Wed 13 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 13 U3A: Christmas lunch, Black Boy, Milton.

Th 14 Deddington Conservative Association Buffet lunch, Windmill Centre, 1pm.

Th 14 School Nativity play, Parish Church. (p 4)

Sat 16 Christmas Concert, Adderbury Ensemble, Parish Church, 7.30pm. (p10)

Mon 18 Youth Club: Christmas Family Disco. Windmill Centre.

Sun 24 Carols in The Market Place, 6pm (p 3)

Tu 26 British Legion, Night Shift.

Sun 31 British Legion, NN Two.

For January and February Diary, see page 16.

NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN JANUARY

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Notes on Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 15 November attended by Cllrs Todd (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Drake, Fisher, Flux, Hill, Lee, Oddy and Swash. Apologies from Cllrs Cosgrove, Stevens, Dist Cllr O'Sullivan and Coun Cllr Matthews. Dist Cllr O'Sullivan arrived later.

MATTERS ARISING: 1. PC agreed to request by Cllrs Clarke, Hill, Lee, Drake and Fisher for a special resolution to discuss the Precept at the December meeting. 2. Cllr Todd reported back from the Annual Parishes Forum: local dog-fouling laws are to be extended; the DC is looking into the feasibility of rural bus schemes similar to dial-a-ride; DC proposing concessionary bus fares scheme from April 1 to give 50% off; house building by housing associations in parishes is being encouraged; parishioners who receive housing-needs survey forms are urged to complete and return them; DC is willing to accept petitions and to allow people to address cttee meetings.

COACHING GRANTS: Cllrs discussed suggestions from Mr John Cresswell for possible ways in which the PC could fund coaching or tuition for talented youngsters from the Parish. After a 30-minute debate they voted (8-4) to explore how the current system for academic grants may be expanded into vocational and other areas.

HEMPTON STONEPIT: The rent for the year starting 1 January 1995 to remain at £320.

CAPITAL SCHEMES: Cllrs unable to make decision on new schemes until they know the decision on the Precept. Cttee chairmen to work on figures for projects under their own remit, in time for next meeting.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. OCC to resurface the pavement in High Street and New Street at no cost to PC. Following a lengthy debate, Cllrs voted 6/4 with one abstention to spend around £1,200 from the Traffic Management budget to pay for granite kerbing. 2. Following a meeting with PC, OCC has agreed to push the Clifton Road footpath higher up the list of priorities, and to spray it with chemicals in the spring. The Clerk read a letter from a resident of County View, Clifton, expressing great fears over the safety of Clifton people who have to walk to and from Deddington with the path in its present poor state. An acrimonious debate followed, with cllrs divided as to whether the PC should pay for the path to be properly re-instated, with some believing it was solely a CC responsibility. Cllr Brewer admitted the CC had made a verbal offer to contribute up to £2,000 to the cost of a footpath without kerbing, the full cost of which would be around £7,000 or £8,000. She said the cost of a proper footpath with kerbing would be £20,000-£30,000. Cllrs to consider the matter again at the next meeting. 3. The B4031 at Iron Down Hill will be closed for tree felling each weekday from 9.30am-4.30pm for three weeks beginning 4 December. 4. The Woodland Trust is proposing to create a community woodland at Bloxham Bridge and has asked PC for donation. Decision deferred to next meeting. **PLANNING:** 1. Revised plan for 1 Manor Farm Cottage, Hempton Road meets criteria set by PC. 2. No objections to plans for infilling in Chapmans Lane by making a garage a double. 3. No objections to plans for replacing tin roof with a gable on building in Clifton Road. 4. Banner Homes have won appeal to remove 55 age limit on spouses in Hudson Court properties. Cllrs not happy with decision but agreed they had tried their best with this and other appeals involving Banner.

WINDMILL: 1. Cllr Flux reported the Centre is financially sound, well used and bookings are up. Work on the roof insulation is nearly complete and the fire system is now reviewed monthly. 2. The Cttee has received a letter from the Cricket Club about the cost of water and the argument over whether paying for water was part of the Club's maintenance agreement or not. Cllr Flux explained that water was not specifically mentioned in the agreement but was mentioned in discussions. The agreement requires the Club to maintain the square to an agreed standard at its own expense. It was difficult to see how this can exclude use of the water sprinkler and the costs incurred. The PC had agreed in July that the cost of water was to be met by the Club and although the Cttee had now reviewed it again members felt strongly that Clubs must pay for the facilities they use, and not the Parish at large. 3. The Badminton Club had also written, repeating their view that they should get special rates. They already pay the lowest tariff, frequently over-run their booked time and are not charged extra for their use of the lounge. Cttee members stressed their view that the Badminton Club gets a good deal and they have no intention of asking the PC to reverse any of its previous decisions. 4. Serious vandalism to the Cricket pavilion has been reported to the police and the lights are now timed to stay on all night.

PC FUNDS: £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley @ 6.7%); £120,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 6.25%); £11,036 (High Interest Business Account @ 4.75%); £12,969 (Overnight @ 3.375%). Total funds: £594,005.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Letter from Tony Baldry MP, urging caution regarding the development plans for Upper Heyford being proposed by the consortium. 2. Thanks from Chipping Norton Theatre for PC's £25 donation. 3. Two letters from Clifton about parking at St James's Chapel. A resident opposite is concerned that parking on the road "makes an accident inevitable" and the current occupiers of the former chapel say they are doing all they can to alleviate the problem. 4. Letter from Mr Walsh to say the Church clock has developed further serious problems and has stopped 11 times recently. He has been asked to provide an estimate for repairs in time for the next meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: 1. The PC still has a few mugs and 19 Coat of Arms silver spoons for sale. Both items are available from Tucker's or from cllrs. 2. The village Christmas tree will again come from the Castle Grounds. 3. Dog owners are asked to be considerate of others, and to clear up after their pets. 4. CDC will collect unwanted Christmas trees from all villages on 6 January. Watch Parish notice boards for details.

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Occasional rumblings reach us about the amount of advertising carried by the DN. "Do we really need so much?" appears to be the general implication. It seems appropriate towards year's end to give a brief summary of what makes the DN tick (economically) - and even more importantly to impart well-earned **THANKS** to a lot of unsung helpers.

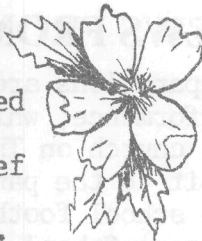
The DN is independent, and without our advertisers there would be no DEDDINGTON NEWS. We think we provide a good reciprocal service for readers and businesses and services in the parish, and are attracting an ever growing number of ads from beyond the parish boundaries (which must mean we are doing something right, as well as having an excellent Advertising team!) Regular expenses, of course, are the cost of paper and ink (ever-rising), and the printing of the cover and advertising pages (by Eagle Press, Abingdon, at a highly competitive rate). We also have "occasional" ads on editorial pages - and it's balancing editorial and advertising needs which presents the monthly jigsaw puzzle!

The DN's main capital expense is the sophisticated electronic duplicator which spews out our nearly-1000 copies per issue at a rattling speed. Any spare pennies go towards replacing this essential but expensive workhorse in a few years time. Expenses this year have been higher than usual due to some technical hiccups with this fine - but sometimes temperamental - beast. These have given some headaches to our stalwart Duplicating team who have also recently experienced the School being reconstructed round them! But we are enormously grateful to the School (to whom we now pay a very modest "rent") for their tolerance as well as the use of their premises, for duplicating and collating.

And, of course, there would be no DN if it were not for a team totalling somewhere around 45 volunteers per issue to administer, write, edit, produce, duplicate, collate, distribute. In particular I'd like to say a special thanks to those who don't have their names in lights on page 1 - the collators and distributors (including several school youngsters) without whom it would be impossible to achieve free delivery throughout Deddington, Hempton and Clifton.

The original generous printing service was arranged by Deddingtonian Mike Maskery. Mike became the DN's linkman with Eagle Press on all such printing questions, until his recent move. Thank you Mike - and we wish you both every happiness in your new surroundings.

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels.



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Preparations are now being made for the Christmas period. Our Nativity performance, which this year will be led by our younger children, will be held in the church on Thursday, December 14, at 6.15 pm. We are also looking forward to a visit to the pantomime, and our Christmas lunch!

Our school football team has made encouraging progress. They have beaten Bloxham Primary School 3-1 and were joint-winners with Adderbury in a six-a-side tournament. Our Netball team did well to come fourth.

Our Governors' Annual Meeting was well-attended and many parents enjoyed a talk on the teaching of Mathematics by the County Inspector, Mr. Trevor Easterbrook.

Admissions - Parents may be interested to know of a slight change made by the Governors to the school's admission policy. Children will now be admitted at the beginning of the term in which they are five. It is a good idea to make enquiries about beginning school once your child reaches the age of three. Please collect an application form and prospectus from the school office. You would be more than welcome to meet me for a tour of our premises too. **Peter Goringe, Headteacher 338430**



. . . and from the P. T. A.

Many thanks to all who came to our Fireworks Evening - we raised £361. The Craft Fair (November 4) was not as well supported as hoped but we still raised £585.

Santa's Float will be visiting the area on Fri, December 8 and Sat, December 9. His helpers will be out in force collecting for Deddington School - so listen for the music and have your letters ready, children, to give Father Christmas. Full route details can be obtained from school or the post office. Briefly these are:

Fri. Dec. 8 - Starting Clifton 6 pm-Earls Lane-The Leyes and the centre of Deddington from 6.45 pm, ending up in Market Place approx. 7.45 pm.

Sat, Dec. 9 - Starting Barford 4.30 pm-St Johns Way 6 pm-Mill Close 6.30pm-The Daedings-High Street 7 pm, ending Market Place about 7.30 pm. (All times approx.)

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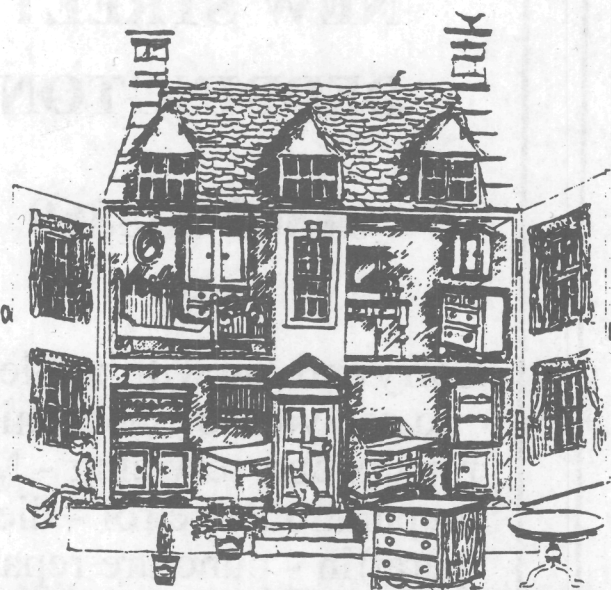
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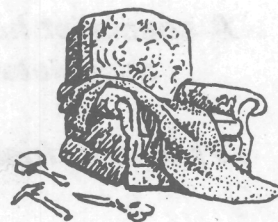
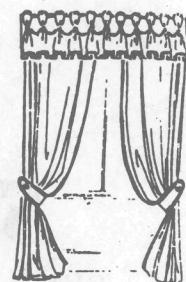
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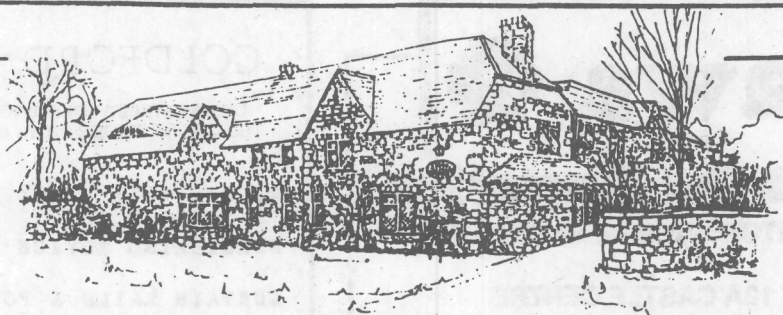
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 Wed 6 10am Holy Communion. 11.30am Holy Communion in Featherton House.
 Thu 7 2pm Squeals and Wheels, Pram and Toddlers' Service.
 3.30pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.
 Sun 10 10.30am Eucharist. 3.00pm Christingle Service.
 Wed 13 10am Holy Communion
 Sun 17 8am Holy Communion (BCP). NO service at 10.30am. 6pm Service of Carols and Lessons
 Wed 20 10am Holy Communion.
 Sun 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 10.30am Eucharist. 11.30pm Midnight Mass for Christmas.
 Mon 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8am Holy Communion. 10.30am Family Crib Service and Holy Communion.
 Wed 27 10am Holy Communion followed by Service for Healing.
 Sun 31 10.30am Eucharist.

January Services.

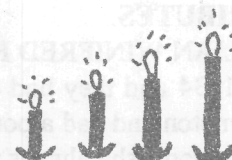
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 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP). Wed 24 10am Holy Communion and Healing Service.
 Sun 28 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Wed 31 10am Holy Communion.

December Services (St John, Hempton).

- Sun 3 & 17 9am Eucharist.
 Fri 22 7pm Service of Carols and Lessons.
 Mon 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9am Eucharist.

January Services.

- Sun 7 & 21 9am Eucharist. Sun 28 6pm Evensong.



We should like to wish all readers a happy and blessed Christmas. As we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, we hope you will join us for services (see above). At the 10.30am Family Service on Christmas Day we are asking children to bring a second-hand toy or children's book (in good condition) which can be donated to Helen House Children's Hospice in Oxford.

Deddington Parish Church Christmas Bazaar and Draw will be held on Saturday 2 December at 2pm in the Primary school hall. Admission free. Please give this your support.

Children's Church and Church Junior Club Party will be held on Sunday 17 December at 10.30am. Details from Debbie Welford (338484).

Deddington Church Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 4 January at 7.45pm in Corner Cottage (Mrs. H. Hall), Chapel Square, Deddington. Parish Bible Study Group will meet on Mondays, 11 December and 8 January at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington (Mrs P. Ridd).

Christmas is Coming on Sat. December 9th at 7.00pm An evening of words and music for Christmas (p10)

Christingle Service on 10 December in the Parish Church at 3pm. There will be a presentation by children of Deddington Primary School

Nativity Performance on Thurs. 14 December at 6.15pm by Deddington School (p4)

Adderbury Ensemble Concert on Sat. 16th December at 7.30pm (p10)

Choir visit to Best, near Eindhoven (Netherlands) took place at the end of October. There was a combined concert with members of Best Church. (p9)

Would you like to visit Syria in February? There are still a few places left. Brochures giving details of the tour are in church or from the vicar.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM: 5 November in Deddington MARY LOUISE BULLARD

FUNERALS: 30 October in Hempton IRIS WILLIAMS

1 November in Deddington JOAN LAFONTAINE WARD aged 84 years.

11 November in Deddington LILIAN WINIFRED HUTT aged 89 years.

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INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES. Mondays 4 December and 8 January - Ecumenical Prayer Group - will meet at 7.45pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church

.Sunday 10 December 3pm - Christingle Service at the Parish Church.

TRIBUTES.

LILIAN WINIFRED HUTT, aged 89 years. Lilian was born in Byfield, Northamptonshire. She married Bertie in 1934 and they had one son, John. After living in Ewelme, South Oxfordshire, 46 years ago they came to Hempton and had a poultry farm. Bertie died in 1979 and Lilian continued to live in Hempton, in whose affairs and people she always took a keen interest.

KEN REEVES.

JOAN LAFONTAINE WARD, aged 84 years. Joan was born in Turkey of English parents and lived in Constantinople till she was 8 years old. Educated at St Hilda's, Whitby, she worked for many years as private secretary to an MP and also a Head of a well-known public school. Joan and her husband, John, moved to Deddington from Cheshire when he retired in 1974. Proud of her Huguenot descent, she was fluent in several languages, did voluntary work in a local mental hospital and gave talks on deafness and mental illness. She had a strong Christian faith though life was not easy for her as her son died in 1987, her husband in 1989 and she suffered increasingly from both deafness and angina.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON



It is sad that Lilian Winifred Hutt has died aged 89, just two weeks short of her 90th birthday. She was born in Byfield and lived in Ewelme before moving to Hempton 43 years ago. She lived for several years at "The Homestead" and ran a poultry farm on the site (which now has 5 bungalows on it). Lilian moved into No.5. Newcomers to Hempton will not have known her as failing health kept her indoors in recent years. However, she continued to take a keen interest in village activities, always supporting our fund-raising with gifts and generous donations. When I came to Hempton 30 years ago, her late husband was our postman. Although provided only with a push-bike he delivered our mail promptly - no easy task, for the houses in St. John's Way were at that time not numbered! These were neighbours who played a part in the community and will be remembered with respect and affection.

The Charities Commission has accepted the Friends of Hempton Church as a Registered Charity, No. 1049594. The association arose spontaneously in the 1980s when St. John's Church was threatened with closure, and a lot of hard work and fund raising has gone on since then. The objectives remain the same. I quote from the Membership Secretary: "We want the Church to prosper as a place of worship that means something to its people - something that will enrich their lives. But also we want to re-decorate the Hall and improve it, for our aim is to make it a place where people can meet together on different occasions - a real focus of village life." Membership is open to all, regardless of race, colour or creed, though subscription (of £1) will in future be payable if one wishes to be eligible to vote at the AGM. We hope for continuing support from our many friends, atheists, agnostics and non-conformists included, both in and around Hempton. **NAN HARRIS 338039**

DEDDINGTON CHURCH CHOIR'S VISIT TO HOLLAND



This was suggested during an after-Church chat with Ronnie Timmer, over from Holland for a visit to her parents, Ruth and Ted Johnson. Once agreed, provisional concert programmes and music winged their way between the choir which Ronnie directs and our choir secretary, Viviane Hall. References to the Dutch choir as 'the best choir' were disconcerting until it was realised that 'Best' was the name of the place they were to visit - a town about seven miles north of Eindhoven! They set off at 6.15am from Barford, arriving in Best 12 hours later to a rapturous welcome, then taken to the homes of their host families. Friday was a day of sight-seeing with a social evening of Dutch games.

At the concert on Saturday, the music ranged from Tallis to non-liturgical larger scale sacred music such as Handel's 'Zadok the Priest', 'The Heavens are Telling' from Haydn's 'Creation' through Stanford's setting of the Te Deum in B Flat to various modern anthems, notably John Rutter.

These were special requests from the Dutch. Three songs were sung by both choirs combined, namely 'Make up our Hearts' from West Side Story, Rutter's 'As a Bridegroom to his Chosen' and 'Ein Lied von Nederland', which received the most enthusiastic applause of the evening though the choir felt that their Dutch pronunciation left much to be desired! The concert was very well attended. The Choir now looks forward to the 'Best' choir's visit to Deddington!

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DOWN ON THE FARM



The crops now have all been sprayed for weeds and aphids and the beans have been ploughed in. The machinery has been cleaned, serviced and put away for the winter. As yet just a few pigeons are feeding on the oil seed rape and we are keeping them on the move with 'Sky Rockets'. No doubt when the weather gets colder more will come to feed and the gas guns will have to come out! With the prolonged autumn flush of grass the sheep have done very well and made up for the lack of summer grazing. Most of last year's lamb crop has now been sold either fat or to go on for fattening. The ewes are in good condition for the winter and we shall start winter feeding in the next week or two. Most of the work at the moment is centred around the buildings; we have put down the concrete floor in the new lambing shed and are making and erecting the feed mangers and penning.

The warm autumn has enabled the bees to build up good winter food stocks and I shall not have to feed them until the New Year. The fieldfare have only just started to arrive to feed on the hedgerows; as the weather in the north gets colder more will arrive to rest and feed before going south.

I have not mentioned Henry's gang before. Henry and three others are pet lambs who keep the orchard tidy. Unfortunately Henry contracted Listeriosis (inflammation of the brain) and was very ill. He is recovering but with the combination of a high fever and drugs used to treat him he lost most of his wool. It will grow again, but to keep him warm now he is wearing an old bright blue pullover with the sleeves cut off and a hole cut in the appropriate place.

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE



Fire Calls During the last month we have received 20 calls: 3 house fires, 1 piggery fire, 1 road traffic accident, 2 chimney fires, 2 calls to bonfires set alight prior to November 5, 3 false alarms with good intent, 2 false alarms on automatic alarms, 1 malicious false alarm, and 5 calls to stand by at other stations. This brings the total so far to 205.

Christmas is Coming Christmas is almost with us once again. No doubt everyone will soon be getting the decorations and lights out of the loft, and as usual some of the lights will not work even though they worked perfectly well when they were taken down last Christmas. While you are checking the bulbs, I suggest you check the fuse too, to ensure it is of the correct amperage. In the event of a fault a fire could quite easily break out if the fuse is too large instead of it just blowing and cutting off the power supply. If the lights are still in their original box, please read the instructions; alternatively I'm sure any electrician would willingly advise on which amperage fuse should be used.

When you're putting up the decorations, please make sure they are well away from light bulbs or any heat source. The last thing we want is to be called out to a house fire caused by faulty lights or badly positioned decorations!

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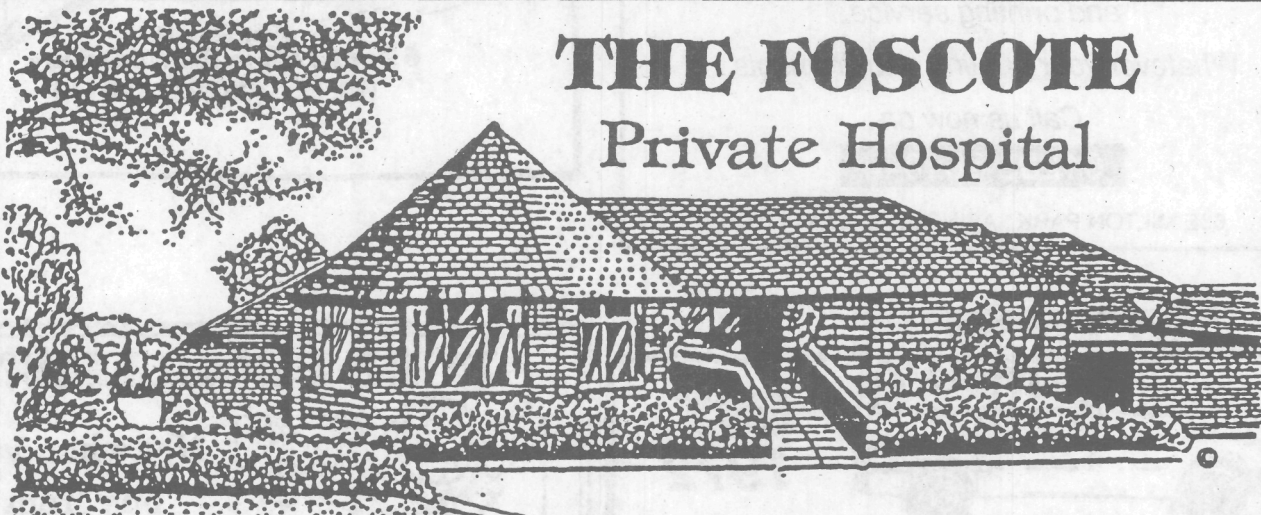
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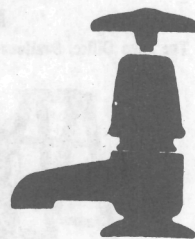
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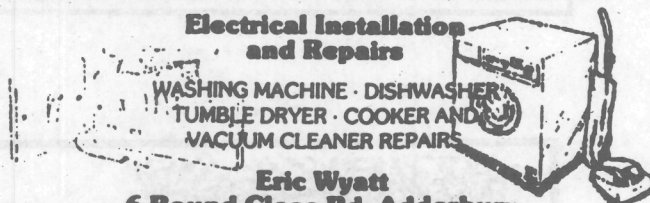
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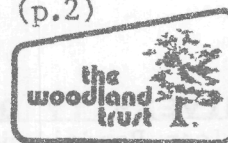
Holly, ivy, mistletoe and robins - good traditional Christmas wildlife. Probably the most unusual of these is the mistletoe. This semi-parasitic plant obtains its nutrition from its host tree and via photosynthesis (the production of sugar using sunlight). The most common trees to act as hosts for mistletoe are apple and lime trees and it grows around this area. Nationally mistletoe is in decline, mainly due to the sad decline of our apple orchards which are being grubbed up by the acre. If you do find some mistletoe it would be all right to cut off a few twigs for your doorway but be very careful not to pull the whole clump out of its foothold in the tree, as it will not re-grow. It is spread by berry-eating birds such as the blackbird and mistle thrush. The berries are very sticky and will clog up the bills of these birds who then clean off this sticky mess by wiping it into cracks in tree bark, so the seed finds a new home.

Just a little thing to think about when you see a fluffy robin on a Christmas card. Robins are very territorial; as winter progresses the males will fight vigorously to defend their feeding and breeding territories, sometimes to the death! Merry Christmas!

JONATHAN HOOK 338357



PLANTING FOR TOMORROW ... There's brief mention in the PC Report (p.2) of a proposal by the Woodland Trust to create a community wood at Bloxham Bridge as part of a nation-wide "Woods-on-your doorstep" Millennium Project. Seems as if Deddington might actually score a first! Most of the funding will come from grant-aid including the Millennium Commission, but we - the PC and individuals - are asked to help if can. Leaflets will be distributed soon, but if you're taken with the idea of watching a new wood grow for your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, then get in touch with the Trust's local Fund-raising Officer **Stephen Webb** on 01488-681623..



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We wish Mrs. V. Reason, who is recovering from an operation in the Horton Hospital, a speedy recovery.

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On 6 December, the Rev. Ken Reeves is giving an illustrated account of the visit to Jordan, including Jerash, Amman, Petra and St. Catherine's Monastery in Egypt. Non-Members are most welcome to attend and on this occasion the "retired" rule is not applicable.

We extend our best wishes to the residents of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

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Hornton(a) Benevolent Cup	Lost	3-4	aet M. Hewitt 2, A. Shepherd
Sinclair res(h)	Won	6-3	M. Hewitt 4, A. Shepherd 2

The Saturday side have had a mixed month, two games have resulted in victories and two in defeat. The highlights came against Middleton Cheney and Sinclair Res; in both matches Michael Hewitt scored 4 goals. In all he has scored 28 goals. The team are currently unbeaten in the league and lead the 2nd Division.

Sunday 1st Team Results

Red Star Irregulars(a) R. Adkins Trophy	Won	5-2	J. Gorst 2, C. Hill 2, M. Nichols
Temple Bar(a) Sam Waters Cup	Lost	3-6	G. Shawyer 2, S. Sykes
Buck & Bell(a) Norbar Shield	Lost		Match forfeited
Enstone(h) John Wood Cup	Lost	0-11	

A disappointing month for the Sunday 1st team, losing three cup matches and winning just one. The victory came v Red Star in the Reg Adkins Trophy; this put the team through to the Semi-Finals stage. Despite the lack of League action they are still top of Div 2. The leading goal scorer is Greg Shawyer with 19.

Sunday Reserve Team Results

Dynamo Toby(h) R. Adkins Trophy	Lost	1-2	Own Goal
Chacombe Res(h)	Drew	1-1	D. Cowley
Chipping Norton Res(h) Reserve Cup	Lost		Match Postponed

An encouraging result was achieved against Chacombe, David Cowley scoring the all important equalising goal.

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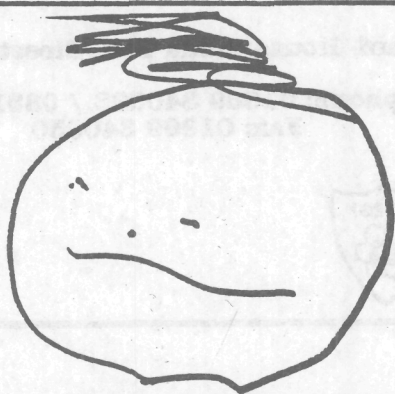
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ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

DEDDINGTON CRAFT GROUP

First of all, the members of the Group would like to thank Jo Mace for offering hospitality all this term. We are very grateful and have enjoyed working in her home. Since the School could no longer accommodate us, we have been searching for a new venue, and negotiations have been in progress regarding the "spare room" at the Holly Tree. We are almost there, and hope to move in when the January term begins. In the meantime we have not been idle. The finished "Puddih' Pie" Hanging now has it's permanent place at the Holcombe Hotel. We are very pleased with this magnificent joint effort. We were also commissioned to work a similar piece, which is going out to Switzerland soon.

We have room for a few more memnbers, so if you are interested in Craft and Needlework, do get in touch. We meet each Tuesday afternoon. More details from Stella Marmion (338834) or me.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 338251

DEDDINGTON WI

In November members were most interested in a talk by Mrs.Lynn-Wood, Master Doll-maker. She specialises in Porcelain dolls, ornaments to treasure which are certainly not toys. The whole process from making the head and body to the details of dressing the dolls in their delightful outfits was explained and Mrs.Lynn-Wood brought much for us to see.

On 8 January, the occasion of our 70th birthday, John Cheney will talk on "Old Banbury". Do come along, 7.30 at the HTC.

RENE MAHONY 338438

WINDMILL CENTRE - There have been some questions on the finances/fees of the main building and the sports areas recently (see PC Report -Eds). The committee have been given the responsibility from the PC to make the Windmill Centre self-financing, so fees, etc. have been set accordingly (they have not increased this year and will not be increased for the main facilities in 1996). For outdoor clubs fees are set at a fixed amount for the year, covering use of the grounds, changing rooms/toilets and kitchen. They may serve "teas" in the lounge, but the rest of the facility may be rented out to others at the time. They also carry the full cost of maintenance of their part of the centre, and must maintain it to an agreed standard e.g. the cricket square/bowling green/football pitch/tennis courts. For use of the building the charge is according to the areas used and the user: e.g. local clubs pay the lowest tariff, commercial users the highest. There is also a difference for day and evening time. These tariffs are available from Joyce Minnear, the booking secretary (tel. 338529).

A.F.F. Flux

DEDDINGTON LADIES would like to thank everyone who came to the bazaar on November 4 and spent so generously. Thanks also to the people, businesses and pubs for the raffle prizes and donations. Your support is greatly appreciated, and the grand total raised was £276. This, together with the proceeds from our fete in August, is for the over-60s party on December 2. Thank you all again.

Jackie Adkins



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CALLING ALL CLUBS continued

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Last term we said goodbye to Katie and Jamie Archer, Kate Miller, Dominic Gibbons, Nicole Lewis, Emily Seal and Christian Miller. We wish them all the best in their new schools. We welcomed Molly Davis, Grace Miller, Katie Darnell, Scott Gardner, Alex Jardine, Katie Cork and Samuel Brown.

Our cake stall last month raised £54; thanks to everyone who made or bought a cake, or made a donation. Also thanks to those who helped with the Jumble Sale, which made £61. Every penny helps.

During the half-term break the Playgroup had a new carpet, which looks lovely. Our thanks to Simon Clinch who laid it free of charge and to all those who help us out and make it possible to purchase such much needed items.

This is a very long but busy half-term. It's exciting for the children. The Christmas party is again being held in the British Legion. Our thanks to Di Keats for letting us use the club.

Thank you all for your continued support over the last year and the Staff, the committee and the children wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year



TRACY ROGERS 337383

COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Colts are well into the first season in the Cherwell League, winning two out of the first eight games. Leading scorer is Shane Edwards with six. The hard work and effort of everyone running the club is paying off and if this team spirit continues we look to future success.

We shall have a Christmas Disco at the Unicorn Hotel in the New Year, and we would like to invite all football lovers, parents and families to join us with food and entertainment. Details of date and time will be announced later; please look out for notices in the Post Office and in the Library.

A Happy Christmas and New year to you all.

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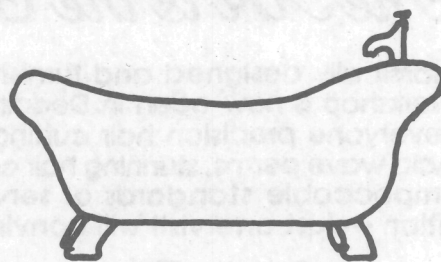


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No one, it seems, has anything to say this month! In fact, no one has had much to say for quite a while. Occasional mutterings come our way, both brickbats and bouquets, on Deddingtonian perceptions of Deddington... But if pen were put to paper - or fingertip to word processor keyboard - the rest of us would have a chance to agree, or disagree. We really would like to hear from you. It helps us if letters are kept to a reasonable length - and arrive in good time for copy day. Perhaps writing to the DN could be included among some New Year resolutions?

THE WAY WE WERE



Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for October 1845:-

11th OCTOBER - Spiers the Clerk, W. Knibbs the Saddler, W. Jarrett at the factory, all came on business.

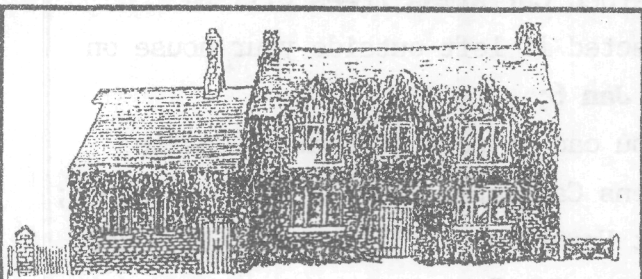
14th OCTOBER - I went to be present at the consecration of a new Church in the Parish of St. Ebbe's, Oxford, dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The Bishop preached an admirable sermon on the occasion, about 900 persons were present - between 30 and 40 clergy amongst the number. This probably was the last important episcopal act done by the present Bishop previous to his translation to the vacant See of Bath & Wells - after 17 years at this Diocese - latterly under most novel and trying circumstances - in which he endeavoured by forbearance, moderation and loving kindness towards certain erring brethren in spiritual matters to preserve peace, tranquillity, and as he had hoped (tho' in vain) unity in the bosom of the Church - I deeply regret his removal on many grounds.

15th OCTOBER - I was sworn in as a visitor of the Hook Norton Lunatic Asylum at the County Hall.

23rd OCTOBER - I heard from Robert complaining of Dr. Fooks having caned him again for "being unable to do a hard Latin exercise" as he says - in his letter. I was busied again the whole evening with the Clothing Fund Tickets.

27th OCTOBER - Went to the School and distributed the half yearly tickets to the Clothing Fund Depositors. Walked to the sawpits as usual.

28th OCTOBER - We heard from Willy expressing fears lest he should not bring home a good character.



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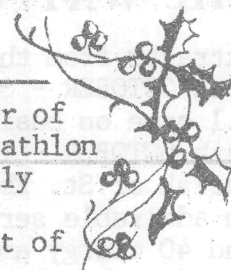
JANUARY DIARY

Tu 9 WI: 70th Birthday Celebration. John Cheney, Talk on Old Banbury, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
 Wed 17 U3A: Mrs Dorothy Clarke, Childhood Memories, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
 Wed 17 Parish Council meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
 Th 18 Deddington Players, The Sleeping Beauty, The Windmill Centre 7pm. (p 14)
 Fr 19 Deddington Players, The Sleeping Beauty, The Windmill Centre, 7pm (p 14)
 Fr 19 PTA: Quiz night, Deddington School, 7.30pm. (p 4)
 Sat 20 Deddington Players, The Sleeping Beauty, The Windmill Centre, 2.30 & 7.30pm. (p 14)
 Tu 23 **COPY DATE FOR FEBRUARY DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
 Wed 31 U3A: Mrs Mary Aldridge, A Taste of Cumbria, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.

FEBRUARY DIARY

Fri 9 Deddington School Disco for pupils, 6-8pm.
 Tu 13 WI: Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
 Wed 14 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
 Tu 20 **COPY DATE FOR MARCH DEDDINGTON NEWS.**

UP-DATE ON JAKE ... AND KEVIN - Remember Kevin Mayo of Clifton (father of Jake, see DN September p.12) who represented Britain in the World Triathlon Long Course Championships in Nice? Despite his training being severely curtailed by worry over his son's condition (T O F, or inability to swallow), Kevin came 14th in the 75-strong British entry and 315th out of the international entry. His course involved a swim of 4 km in the Mediterranean, a bicycle ride of 120 km through the Alps and a 12 km run. His overall time was 7 hrs 3 mins 36 secs, which broke his personal record. The sponsorship money Kevin has generated, which to date is over £1700, will go to the T O F Society, the Banbury Special Care Baby Unit and Ward 4D of the John Radcliffe in Oxford. Late donations can be sent to Fiona Mayo at 1 Victoria Terrace, Clifton, OX15 OPD (cheques made payable to the T O F S Charity Account). Jake has had one major operation and frequent stays in hospitals. He is still not feeding orally but is gradually putting on weight through his tube feeding, which is done at night, so at 9 months old he weighs 14lb. We wish them all well.



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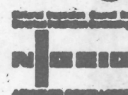
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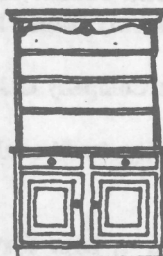
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